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<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	Application No. 09/160,805	Applicant(s) Maeda et al.
	Examiner James Bergin	Group Art Unit 3643
		

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

- This communication is responsive to claims filed 09/25/98
- The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 2
- The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are acceptable.
- Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- All  Some\*  None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
- received.
- received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) \_\_\_\_\_.
- received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_
- Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE to comply with the requirements noted below is set to EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE "DATE MAILED" of this Office action. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
- Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS
- because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.
- including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.
- including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the examiner.
- including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

- Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

**Attachment(s)**

- Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
- Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 3
- Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- Interview Summary, PTO-413
- Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

  
MICHAEL J. CARONE  
SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER

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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. The application has been amended as follows: The abstract of the disclosure is excessively long and has been shortened by the examiner as follows:

The section of the abstract from "The bullet...." on line 19 to "end side." on line 30 has been deleted. ✓

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art fails to disclose an air gun comprising: a hit pin arranged in a cylinder portion, a valve body arranged within a hollow portion of the cylinder portion and having a bullet supplying nozzle chamber containing a bullet supplying nozzle, a valve pin chamber containing a valve pin and a gas inlet port opened to a sleeve-shaped circumferential face of the valve pin chamber, the structure also being such that the valve body, the valve pin and the bullet supply nozzle inserted into the cylinder act as an open-closing valve for supplying a compressed gas and as a switching valve for supplying the supplied gas to shoot a bullet such that the slide is moved to charge the gun with the next bullet. Accordingly, shooting the bullet, charging of the next bullet and shooting preparations for the next bullet are **made by a single valve mechanism**. Furthermore, all of the valve body, the valve pin and the bullet supplying nozzle are arranged in a barrel direction and

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**stored within the slide** so that a space for storing the valve body, the valve pin and the bullet supplying nozzle can be reduced.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. This case has been passed to issue with the allowed claims 1 and 2.
5. The following references have been cited to provide relevant examples of air guns in the prior art: Williams (5,505,188), Lotuaco, III (5,878,736), Lukas et al. (5,613,483) and Casas Salva (5,884,615).
6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James Bergin whose telephone number is (703) 308-8549. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday from 8.30 AM to 6.00 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Carone, can be reached on (703) 306-4198. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 306-4195.

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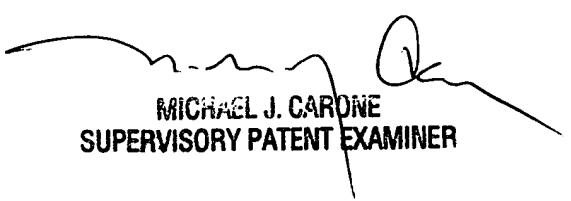
Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 306-4177.

James S. Bergin



Examiner

August 27th, 1999



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TITLE OF INVENTION  
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ATTY'S DOCKET NO.	CLASS-SUBCLASS	BATCH NO.	APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	FEES DUE	DATE DUE
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**THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT.  
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